

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-2, and 9-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beming (U.S. 6,628,942) in view of Kim (U.S. 6,038,224) and further in view of Inoue (U.S. 6,647,264). The Examiner has taken official notice that performing a hand off based on voice quality information is well known and common technique in the art. Claim 7 has been rejected as in claim 1 and further in view of Ishii (U.S. 6,643,524). Claim 8 is rejected as in claim 7 and further in view of Clancy (U.S. 6,188,894).

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been herein amended to more clearly define the invention over the prior art. The amended claims have antecedent support in Fig. 2 and the respective description thereof in the specification.

According to the present invention the first and second intercontroller SW units communicate and exchange data with each other for accomplishing roaming of a mobile node.

The Examiner admitted that Beming does not disclose an intercontroller SW unit relaying voice data and control information between a base station controller and a base station transceiver but refers to Kim which teaches a unit relaying voice data and control information between the base station controller and a plurality of base station transceivers. Kim et al which teaches a data control system in CDMA mobile communication system fails to suggest a first and a second intercontroller SW units of which the first intercontroller SW unit is provided between a first group of base station transceivers and a first base station controller and the second intercontroller SW unit provided between a second group of base station transceivers and a second base station controller wherein the first intercontroller SW unit relays voice data and

control information to the second intercontroller SW unit to enable transmission of data between the first base station controllers and the second group of base station transceivers.

Inoue also fails to suggest subject matter of independent claims 1 and 9 as amended.

In short, the combination of Beming with Kim and Inoue would not make the claimed invention obvious to a skilled artisan because neither of them suggests a configuration of a mobile system as claimed or any motivation to change any of their inventions that could lead a skilled artisan to the present invention.

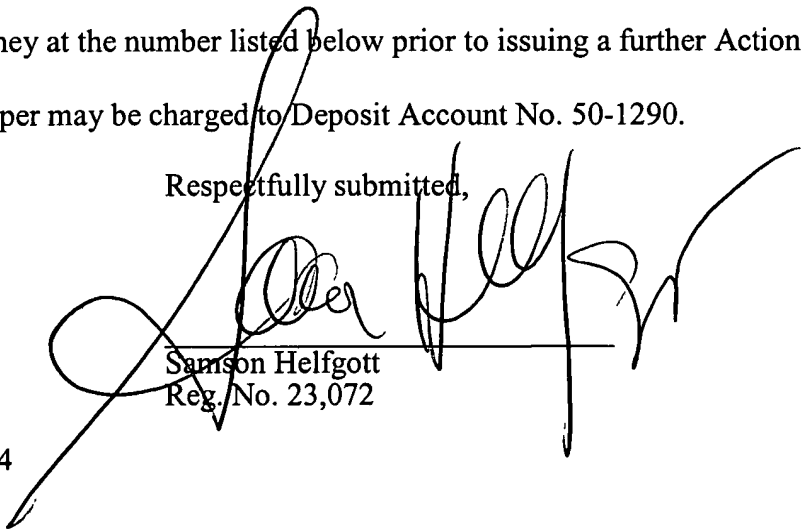
None of Samanioto, Ishii or Clancy suggest what applicant did.

It is believed that independent claims 1 and 9 and claims 2-8 and 10-13 respectively dependent thereupon are patentably distinguishable over the art and these claims should be allowed.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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